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Dear Members,

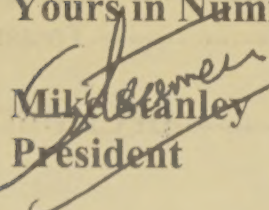
In my last message, I put out a plea for help in finding an alternate site for Nor-Cal V. You responded with several phone calls and a few emails, and as a result we are formulating plans for the Nor-Cal V to take place in the city of Fremont, California for sometime in 2004. My staff and I have exhausted several venues, trying to come up with a quality show that would accommodate a good variety of dealers to represent the entire numismatic fields: United States, Foreign, Ancients, Tokens and Medals, Currency, and Exonumia.

Special Thanks to Vince Lacariere, for his time and travels to find the perfect site. We are still at the ground level, but by next NCNA HEAD AND TAKES, I hope to have concrete information regarding the next Nor-Cal. Thank you for your patience.

During this last third of the year, I had the please to visit three conventions: American Numismatic Association (ANA) in Charlotte, North Carolina, Central States Show in St. Louis, Missouri, and ANA World's Fair of Money in Baltimore, Maryland. The later was a great show with over 15,000 in attendance during the three day event the displays and featured 1913 Liberty nickel display, and a forty-two case exhibit of paper money, not to forget the Bureau of Engraving and Printings \$100,000.00 bill display. Also, if that wasn't enough to view, were two complete sets of Morgan Dollars in Proof condition. The major conventions are really a pleasure to get educated in the numismatic field. My late Father told me many years ago, 'Son if you learn something new each day of your life then you time is not wasted'. Attending these types of shows that offer numismatic theaters, educators of the hobby giving talks on various subjects, this the way to educate yourself in various fields of numismatics.

So when you have some free time, take the entire family to a coin show. There is usually one a month in a town near you. Enjoy.

Yours in Numismatics,


Mike Stanley
President

My Friends,

Although 'one' (1) is the least of the positive numbers, it can be powerful and decisive.

Among Your Editor's numerous and countless avocations and obligations is his duty, as Treasurer, for over a quarter century, to and with the Vallejo Model Railroad Club, of which he is one of the remaining still active Charter Members, too. Thanks to his initiative many years ago, the Vallejo Model Railroad Club invites the Redwood Empire Division (RED) of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), once-a-year for a joint gathering, swap meet, and run session, to the VMRC's home on the Solano County Fairgrounds. This years' visit was Saturday, May 10, 2003, a beautiful day, sunny and bright, one for yard work or washing a car or sunning one's self. It was also the anniversary date of the Golden Spike, May 10, 1869. But Enough of Weather or History.

Before this annual gathering, being a Life Member of the PCR, as well as NMRA, which makes me a permanent member of RED, Your Editor received his ballot, and the contested position was for RED's Chief Superintendent, the equivalent of a President. That ballot sat on my desk for three weeks. It noted that one could mail in or bring to the May 10th gathering. Your Editor had delayed so he marked his choice and placed it on the dash of his white 2002 Ranger.

Duty Called. It was such a nice day, too. Great for yard work, or washing the car, or sunning one's self. But, Duty Called.

I drove to the Fairgrounds, parked my Ranger, and walked-into the VMRC's longtime and only home, greeted the RED' Chief Clerk, did my donation, asked a question or two, and then continued in. A question asked: "Where do ballots go?". The short answer: "We'll call for these later".

Once inside, it was meet and mingle. At some point, just as RED was calling a meeting, I left to go back to the Ranger and retrieve my ballot, left to sun itself on the dash. As I walked back, not very fast nor concerned, the Chief Clerk---*model railroaders always use railroad terms*---came-out, looked for me, and shouted back: "He's coming!". Strange, I thought. Once back in, with ballot clearly in my right hand raised, someone, whoever, grabbed it.

I sat with my fellow VMRC brothers and listen to the RED go through convention updates---*model railroaders do have conventions, too, big ones, too*---financial report, requests for help---*all organizations ask this one*---and an award or two. Then, the outgoing Chief Superintendent asked for the Election Report. Someone stepped up, and began to ramble---I mean ramble, *worst than me!*---about the election, mailing ballots, the two extremely qualified candidates, both of whom had prior service to the RED, how the ballots received in the prior weeks had been close between the two, and so on. I began to wonder what does this have to do with the election announcement.

Then, he said that it came down to one vote---*my vote*---that decided this election, and he announced the winner, the gentleman that I had voted for and left his name to sun on the 20# paper ballot on my Ranger's cab dash.

One Vote. The power of democracy is in votes, and votes do count. If ever a lesson was learned, it was on that Saturday, May 10, 2003.

Never dismiss your democratic right in our republican nation, nor in the smallest and least local coin club.

One Vote. I Cast It. It Was Counted. Lesson Learned.

"It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government, except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time"---Winston Churchill

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Parrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

This NCNA HEADS AND TALES Issue

First, it is 'Number 3', and May 2003 was **not** 'Number 3'. Also, the 'Branch Mint Reports' are identical to what is to be published in the Fall 2003 CALCOIN NEWS, of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). Why? Because the deadlines for both was the same! Your Editor may do double labor, or he might save himself a double chore.

ANA District Delegates and Club Representatives

As a service to the American Numismatic Association (ANA), here in Region 8, Northern California, Your Editor, as the Regional Coordinator, has called for a meeting, at 11:30 AM, on Sunday, September 14, 2003, during the Fairfield Coin Club's Fourteenth (14th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show. The Club was kind enough to allow a gathering space, and the Show is located at *'1000 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, in Fairfield's downtown Civic Center, Fairfield, California'*. All ANA District Delegates and Club Representative are encouraged to attend. Inquiries may be to EMPERORI@juno.com.

Next Board of Directors Meetings

This past Sunday, August 17, 2003, during the Fremont (California) Coin Club's Thirty-First (31st) Annual Coin Show, the Board of Directors was able to gather and hold a most productive session, at long last achieving some solid progress on matters as the Association's next Nor-Cal Show. To this end, there are two additional Board of Directors Meetings called for the remainder of this calendar year, *to wit:*

Sunday, September 14, 2003, late afternoon, time undetermined at this point, during the Fairfield Coin Club's Fourteenth (14th) Annual Fairfield Coin Show, Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky, off Pennsylvania, Fairfield, California, and

Sunday, November 9, 2003, 2:30 PM, Peninsula Coin Club's Twenty-Fourth (24th) Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, California.

Inquiries as to these meetings may be to President MIKE STANLEY at 925-825-0649 or his e-mail at xsteamerx@aol.com.

Another NCNA Honor?

During the recent Board of Directors meeting, the matter of the Association developing and implementing an award or recognition in addition to the esteemed and coveted 'Miller Medal'---*the Ron Miller Memorial Award*---arose. Exchanges, without being specific, seemed to suggest a 'Hall of Fame' or 'Founder's Medal' or 'Emeritus Award': something for those who have had served and are now retired from active involvement in our Association and/or hobby. Nothing detailed was agreed, and President MIKE STANLEY directed Your Editor to investigate this and report back to the Board of Directors with an actual written proposal. The only stipulations, so far, are that it would not surpass or supercede the revered 'Miller Medal' and would be intended for those no longer active currently.

Your Editor would enjoy input and ideas from the membership, and please consider this. Mail to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or e-mail to EMPERORI@juno.com.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Hello! With this Seventy-Seventh (77th) Issue and for change and after all these years since April 1981, the Branch Mint Reports would be in alphabetic order. Why? Convenience and Order, plus Why Not? Does It Real Matter? Maybe Not. But, after two plus decades of 'just-any-order', why not a logical order. Comments Welcomed. *Also:* Please do include your Editor with any News Releases and News Stories, for special events and shows. *Thank You.*

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB

NCNAers are again reminded that this Club has a new meeting site: *Alameda Veterans Building, 2203 Central Avenue, at Walnut, on Alameda, the island city in the San Francisco Bay.* The Club held a Pizza Night for its July 8, 2003 meeting, at Alameda's Round Table Pizza; but, this was a 'working pizza night', not 'party pizza night': "The July meeting started with pizza and cold drinks and fellowship. We, then, put the labels on the postcards for the Show advertising. Thanks to all who attended, and made the work light for everyone". The ACC reminds NCNAers that its Show is September 28, 2003, hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Alameda High School, main gymnasium, 2220 Central Avenue, off Park Avenue, Alameda, with Free Admission. Contact at 510-796-1225.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

Well, Something Happen: All recent Cupertino Coin Club monthly COIN PRESS'S have been current, unlike the last report with the July and August 2002 issues being delivered! The Club's June 13, 2003 meeting was its Annual Other Hobbies Night with these participants: KEN BARR, World's Fair and Exhibition Memorabilia, GREG TYSON, Mock Trial, AL LO, Playboy, Batman, and Hawaiian Mugs, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Playing Cards---'including square, round, and oblong ones'---ALEXANDER CHIEN, Scout Patches, JEFF ARNETT, Fencing Demonstration---"with ALEX as the stickee victim"---EMILY BURNS, Simpsons, NATALIE TYSON, Oakland A's Free Give-A-Ways, RYAN JOHNSON, Harry Potter, DON PANNELL, Intel Computer Processor Chips, KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, African Wooden Figurines, DAN SHATTUC, Bottle Caps, HOWARD WHEELER, American Legion and Other Badges, BILL BURKE, Stock Car Racing, and GEORGE TYSON, Soccer Refereeing Earlier, BILL BURKE 'pinched-hit' as the speaker at the Club's May 9, 2003 meeting: "...intrepid Vice-President BILL BURKE stepped to the plate and swung for the fences with his 'Currency' talk. It was a hit as he kept the members' attention and interest with his stories, descriptions, and pictures of United States and foreign currencies".

DELTA COIN CLUB

Was active this past July and August: on Sunday, July 27, 2003, the Club held its Annual Picnic at Lodi, California's Micke Grove Park, and although a smaller than anticipated attendance graced this warm Summer Sunday, but "those that did attend enjoyed the food, fun, and games, etc., etc., etc...Oh yes, the Picnic was great with plenty of food from the barbecue and potluck dishes, plus lots of cold soft drinks, too". The Egg Toss witness the Don Kendrick Family being dethroned by MARI BARRAGAN, 17, and EDUARDO BARRAGAN, 12. Cents-In-The-Jar was won by BRENT GRIMM, and he took home one thousand five hundred fifteen (1515) new Lincoln Cents! The annual Bingo Games were called by northern California's official bingo caller, Your Editor, and the bingo game used is an antique. Historical and archival research has confirmed that it "crossed the Atlantic Ocean on the *Mayflower* and was used to teach the Indians bingo and gambling. Hence, the start of Indian casinos here in the United States". This is documented primary source knowledge; just contact SYD KASS in Stockton, California, who owns this antique. Your Editor addressed the Club's August 8, 2003 meeting with his new topic: '*Personalizing Your Hobby Enjoyment and Collecting*': the title is longer than the talk!

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

This past June 2003, the Diablo Numismatic Society and Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club exchanged and shared meetings and programs. At the Metal Detecting Club's June 10, 2003, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, current President of the Diablo Numismatic

Society, shared and spoke on 'What Is Money?', and the DNS's June 19, 2003 meeting, GARY COLLIER, Founder of the Metal Detecting Club, visited and expounded on 'Metal Detecting: It's Fun!': "a riveting and wonderful presentation by GAR COLLIER of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club. His presentation traced the history of metal detecting from Alexander Graham Bell's failed attempt to find the bullet in the assassinated President James A. Garfield, through various World Wars, and on into today's computer operated lightweight machines, that can discriminate between medals. He traced the history and applicability to the sport from vacuum tubes and valves, and two man teams, one for the battery and one for the loop, to the current programmable models. What A Speaker!" This exchange, possibly unique among coin clubs and metal detecting groups, was covered on page 40 of the July 22, 2003 NUMISMATIC NEWS issue. Later, on Sunday, July 13, 2003, the Society gathered for its Annual Picnic at SCOTT and RUTHANN JACKSON'S home, the Jackson Family Estate!

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB

'Hawaii Night' was this Club's meeting theme for its July 23, 2003 meeting; but, most of the Show 'n Tells were not from the Hawaiian Islands nor closely related! The Club ended its Summer cycle with a 'Hot-Dog Night' at its August 27, 2003 meeting, and President BILL BARTZ had the cooking chore with the 'dogs. Earlier, the June 25, 2003 meeting had Bingo called by whom else? MICHAEL S. TURRINI! The games continued for nearly an hour, in the heat: "there were lucky winners in the Bingo, and everyone did survive the HEAT!!!!. Sorry, due to the painting inside the Parish Hall#1 [the Club's meeting room at Grace Episcopal Church] that the windows could not be open". The Fairfield Coin Club will join this neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, for their Seventeenth (17th) Annual Joint Christmas Party, on Saturday, December 14, 2003 at Fairfield, California' Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and the Master of Ceremonies is CLIFFORD MISHLER, retired from Krause Publications. Invitations are open to others to attend this mega-event. Contact at EMPERORI@juno.com or stanyrbk@vusd.solanocoe.k12.ca.us.

FREMONT COIN CLUB

First, Your Editor apologizes to the Fremont Coin Club for missing its August 12, 2003 meeting and not speaking on 'Personalizing Your Collections'; however, a flat tire repair replacement, particularly as the tire is a strange size and type, precluded his attendance. Apology Expressed. Second, hopefully, his 'Counting Us' at the Club's earlier July 15, 2003 meeting counterbalanced this absence. This 'Counting Us' found among the attending twenty-seven (27) members there was a total of seven hundred forty-seven (747) years of numismatic involvement, with "two had sixty-nine (69) years each and three (3) were infants with just three month's numismatic involvement". When tabulating the membership statistic, it was founded that "the combined sum of years of Club membership was two hundred six (206) years from among the attendees, one (1) member having thirty-one (31) years of membership and no Charter Members present". Continuing, "the vast majority of members denoted themselves as 'general', and everyone present collected United States coins, with only fourteen (14) having an interest in foreign coins". As FCC's DOUBLE EAGLE Editor ROGER LYLES concluded: "everyone enjoyed being counted for the hobby".

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Held a Coin Quiz on Commemorative Coins prepared by BILL FEBUARY at its June 10, 2003 meeting: "JIM and PAULA OBLER scored the highest marks and received a 1974/1975 Bicentennial First Day Stamp Cover for their achievement". Going back a few months, the Club held a 'Favorite Coin Night' at its April 8, 2003 meeting, with there participants: ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Bureau of Printing and Engraving 1870s rare book, RUTH PHILLIPS, a 1936D Washington Quarter which "finished her set of that series", RANDY CLIFTON, Carson City Coins, DENNIS OLSWANG, a Bavarian Crown with his 'initials', CAMERON KEIFER, Full Step pattern 1938 Five Cent, PHIL PLETTNER, 1813 Isle of Man Large Penny, EARL VANDEBURGH, 1947 Mint Set, MERLE DAVIS, Mercury Dimes with "many Dimes in his set were full split bands", and JAMES OBLER, Franklin, Walking Liberty, and Kennedy Halves "that he gotten in change or searching through half dollar rolls which he got from the local banks".

GATEWAY COIN CLUB

Heard Your Editor at its July 17, 2003 meeting with his 'Counting Us': "STAN polled those present on a number of questions and issues, and tabulated a lot of entertaining and intriguing information. There was a total of eight hundred eighty-eight (888) years of coin hobby involvement represented at this meeting! That was an average of thirty-two (32) years of hobby involvement per person present! Two (2) members present had been active in coin-related pursuits for sixty-two (62) years each! Two (2) others present had sixty (60) years of coin-related experience! The least number of active years was five (5), by a Junior Member, whose time will come! Years of membership in Gateway totaled two hundred seventy-one (271) years, or an average of ten (10) years per member present. Gateway Coin Club membership extremes ranged from "just joined" to thirty (30) years, that is, someone who had been here from the very beginning! STAN expressed special thanks to LEE H. GONG, from Santa Rosa, California, who attended and assisted in the 'Counting Us', and to JOEL ANDERSON, who recorded and tabulated the many responses during this program". The GCC had another provocative program at its August 21, 2003 meeting titled 'Life Outside of Coins'. No report, so far, as to any 'life' for GCC other than coins.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Special Notice: The LNS has scheduled *Third Tuesday, October 21, 2003* for its Annual Book Sale, at the Chetcutti Memorial Center, adjacent to old library location and behind the current Millbrae Police Department Office. The Book Sale has been scheduled for hours 6:00 PM through 11:00 PM, including time for submissions and viewing. LNS Editor GENE HOY had an interesting observation in the June newsletter: "if you have someone in mind who is possibly interested in joining, please bring him or her to our meeting. In my travels, I find that just about everyone have some coins or medals stashed away with a story to tell. Let us get them into our group and help them discover what they have and what is may be worth...if you know someone who needs information about their coins or currency, bring them by the Club, and we will do our best to make it enjoyable and informative". *Nice Idea, MR. HOY! Here Is Another Idea:* Last May 8, 2003, GENE HOY and JIM ROSEN, as arranged by BOB PIPER, addressed a local chapter of NAFRE, which is the National Association of Federal Retired Employees. *Spread The Hobby!*

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Enjoyed a nice Annual Picnic last Saturday, June 21, 2003 at the home of STEVEN and SHARON KRAMER. STEVE KRAMER and HOWARD KOSANKE did the honors at the barbecue, and a nice crowd of member and guests attended, including these local coin club Presidents: Diablo Numismatic Society, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Vallejo Numismatic Society, HARRY W. DAVIS, San Jose Coin Club JOHN SARTI, with STEVEN KRAMER, Livermore Valley Coin Club. As the LVCC July newsletter editorialized: "a gathering of great numismatic minds took place on June 21st at the Kramer's residence. Okay, it was just a picnic, but a very good picnic! Great Food! Good Company! And Good Time Had By All! Thanks to STEVE and SHARON KRAMER for hosting the Picnic again, and all the people who helped make it a success". This Picnic was covered on page 40 of the July 22, 2003 NUMISMATIC NEWS issue.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Two Important Announcements: *First*, PCNS is meeting temporarily---*July and August months so far*---at *Fort Mason Center, Building C, Room 370, San Francisco, California*. A permanent meeting option and site is still pending. *Second*, PCNS will host, for our California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) the Northern California Educational Symposium on Saturday, October 4, 2003, at the Fort Mason Center. Notice published elsewhere in this CALCOIN NEWS issue. The May 28, 2003 meeting heard HERB MILES speak and show 'Hut Tax Token': "a form property tax instituted in the Southern Rhodesia, Zimbabwe, in the early 1900s. These brass tokens were evidence of payment given to native peoples to show that they had paid the yearly tax on huts and spouses. These minted in various sizes and shapes, from round to triangular to square, of brass and were stamped the tax date and district in which these had been issued. The British South Africa

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Company started this practice to secure manual labor from the native peoples on the farms and in the mines the British were exploiting...as a hidden method of making the natives subject to work in order to pay the yearly 'hut tax'". *NCNAers, PCNS Always Teaches Something New!* During the following month, on June 21, 2003, the Society hosted its Annual Banquet at San Francisco, California's Gold Mirror Restaurant. Regretfully, the attendance was significantly down this year, so the famous 'PCNS Bingo' could not be called. *Next Year For Sure!*

PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Again, The PCC Has A New Meeting Site and Time, But: The PCC's monthly Second Monday evening meetings are being scheduled for *Classroom 14, a Home Economics classroom, at J.L.S Middle School, 408 East Meadow Drive, between Central Expressway and Middlefield Road, in south Palo Alto, California,* with a new starting time of 7:00 PM. But, the Club, during the Summer months has returned to *Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471, Board Room on Second Floor, at 4249 El Camino Real, in downtown Palo Alto, California, the old site.* So, Which One? You have to check the PCC's monthly newsletter or write to 'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'. At the August 11, 2003 meeting, those attending, including Your Editor, had the rare privilege of viewing and handling a complete date set of Bust Quarter Dollars: "our thanks to our member who was so kind to exhibit this unusual set and tell a few tales of his acquisition to complete the set". What was also unique, upon questioning of how long he took to assemble this set, with some in higher grades and conditions, he stated, candidly and concretely, "only one day"! *Yes, Folks, One Day!* He had been collecting for some time and did not realize that he was assembling a date set and then decided quickly to finish it. Going back to the August 11, 2003 meeting, Your Editor presented, for the first time, his new 'Counting Us II', which added more statistics and numbers. FRED G. van den HAAK served as the recorder and intends to summarize the 'counting' in a future PCC monthly newsletter.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB

The Club's May 14, 2003 meeting witnessed a new program, 'Current Coin Collections', with these participants: DENIS LUCEY, Irish Coins, who "was looking for suggestions on ways to design an album for the collection", KEN JORDAN, Denomination Set based on the Alphabet, which is "coins starting with 'A', agora, anna, etc., coins starting with 'B', baht, balboa, etc, and so on", DAN MURPHY, Older United States Currency, KURT GINTER, Toned Coins, with "a full set of toned Peace Dollars" that "were toned on both sides", LUCKY LARRY, Error Coins, GLENN COLEMAN, Buffalo Nickels Set, HOWARD JACOBS, Morgan Dollar Set, save only the 1895P, along with some other complete sets, TIM SPIERSCH, Washington Quarters and Isle of Man, CHARLES CATLETT, two collections: British Coins for each monarch since William the First and Twelve Medals Featuring the Twelve Israelite Tribes, FRANK VILLALON, United States Three Cent Nickels, "all in MS65 or better", FRANK VILLALON, United States Nickel Three Cents, "all in MS 65", and MERLE AVILA, United States Dimes from 1794-1837. At this same meeting, Redwood Empire Coin Club Life Member #1, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, spoke and shared his 'World War II Home Front', with an extensive display of American home front memorabilia: "he brought numerous items from the time and related what life in the States was like back then. One particular event was a literal blackout, when could not be on at night. Famed spots, such as the Golden Gate Bridge or Ghiradelli Square, were dark at night". He concluded that "the importance is to never forget".

RENO COIN CLUB

August 2003 RCC's RENO CARTWHEEL had a 'foreign correspondent' namely, Club President DAVID ELLIOTT, who wrote his column from St. Petersburg, Russia: "I had hoped Russian coinage would be cheaper here, but it is actually more expensive, since Russians collect Russian coins, too. The St. Petersburg Mint was nice. You can buy all the current coinage and many medals that the Mint makes. The old engraving tools and presses are there as well as an impressive collection of Russian coins that are often displayed in free standing cubes that magnify the coin, but make it impossible to photograph... Russian coinage is over graded and at full Krause prices!". President ELLIOTT reported that he was next, on August 11, 2003, to Moscow.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB

Does have a new or returned to an older meeting site: *Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 PM, at the North County Corporate Yard, the old SMUD Building, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., at Elkhorn Blvd., North Highlands, California. Notice:* The SVCC had acted to dispose its Library, which fills five large boxes, during the next meetings of the Club, starting with the August 13, 2003 meeting: "Those interested will find a list of the library's books on the Club's website, www.sacvalcc.org. The entire library, however, would not be offered at every meeting; rather, only groups of books will be auctioned. Eventually, the entire library is to be auctioned and sold". An old familiar name has come into service to the Sacramento Valley Coin Club: MICHAEL NEICOFF, who for many years served the Alameda Coin Club and was active with the ACC and the San Francisco Coin Club's joint coin shows, about a decade ago. Going back to July 22, 2003, BOB DECESARIS spoke on 'United States Patterns', which "very interesting and educational. Many members asked questions". *Questions Are Always A Good Sign!*

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB

Does Have A New Meeting Site: Community Room, with outside entry, at the Taraval Police Station, 2345—24th Avenue, off Taraval, only five blocks west from busy 19th Avenue, in the Sunset section, San Francisco, California. Your Assistant Editor visited the Club and its new meeting site, and found the parking much more convenient, the room clean and neat plus ready, and easy to find and enter. The meeting hours have been adjusted to 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Much of the credit for locating and securing this new site, which is still temporary, goes to GORDON R. DONNELL and MARK W. CLARK, who edits the Club's monthly TWO CENTS WORTH.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB

July 9, 2003 was the SJCC 'Youth Night', and DON CRACRAFT "gave an interesting talk on the newest 'Harry Potter Coins and Currency', which a special session with the five Junior Members presents". "DON brought-in and displayed just about every existing item about Harry Potter and explained its numismatic significance. DON was also extremely generous in donating and awarding each Junior Member with a prize, with the Grand Prize being a hardback issue of 'Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix'". Also contributing to this special 'Youth Night' were: MARHTA DAVIS, food, DON BARSİ, drinks, PATRICIA RUSS, kitchen help, and SALLY JOHNSON, donations and kitchen help. Your Editor attended and enjoyed the Joint Picnic of the SJCC and its neighbor, the Cupertino Coin Club, on Saturday, August 9, 2003 in Sunnyvale, California's Las Palmas Park, with longtime and former SJCC Treasurer EP 'WALLY' WALLAKER. Some sixty-one (61) members and guests from both groups attended, and the cooking was teamed with FRED DAVIS, AL LO, and RAY JOHNSON. It was Your Editor's privilege and pleasure, in his capacity as an American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator, to present two 'Regional Coordinator's Citation for Outstanding Advancement of the Numismatic Hobby' upon two joint SJCC and CCC members: KENNETH BARR and ALVIN H.W. LO. Both of whom have served dual offices in both Clubs and have done so twice! MR. BARR is a former California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Director, and MR. LO was the Your Assistant Editor's predecessor with this column. Both gentlemen have rightly and richly earned this unique national honor. *Congratulations!*

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB

The SSRC celebrated its Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, 1983-2003, last June 12, 2003 at Pietro's in Vacaville, California. Among those attending were two Charter Members: MARIE WILLIAMS and MICHAEL S. TURRINI. Also, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor M. REMY BOURNE, with wife Avis, visited and spoke briefly. A nice meal and great drawing were enjoyed by those present, and MR. TURRINI, who is the Club's current President, summarized some background to the Club, which was founded on June 8, 1983 in Suisun City, California. A special limited placemat was done and cancelled in Elmira, California, for the Club which meets in Fairfield, California, but was founded in Suisun City, California and celebrated its Anniversary in Vacaville, California! This Anniversary was summarized on Page 40 of the July 22, 2003

NUMISMATIC NEWS issue. *Notice:* The Club voted to do another silver round this calendar year for the Centennial of the Wright Brothers/Powered Flight. Order Forms are being prepared, and contacts may to be e-mailed to EMPERORI@juno.com.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB

As reported in the Summer 2003 CALCOIN NEWS issue, this Club prepared and marched a float in the Modesto, California July 4, 2003 parade, the only local coin club known to do such! SCCC President RASHA JOHNSON reported, in the August 2003 GOLD STRIKE, the Club's monthly newsletter, that he thanked those "who made the parade and our 2003 July Coin Show a big success! As you know, this was our first year in the Fourth of July parade, and it was great. We had a large number of Club members and their families show-up to help and walk the parade route. We even had grandkids from as far away as Hawaii. I thank all of you who wore our new Club tee-shirt, which looks great!" SCCC, *Are These Tee-Shirts For Sale?* Continuing on the SCCC Fourth of July parade participation, the August 2003 GOLD STRIKE reported that "DOUG DANIELS also shared that he dressed as George Washington for the parade, but the kids thought he was Captain Crunch". Well DOUG, *What Can One Say?*

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Last June 4, 2003, this Society held its Seventeenth (17th) Annual Renn Auction with one hundred thirty-eight (138) lots earned over \$600.00 for the Society's treasury. The Auctioneers were the 'two Mikes': MICHAEL M. STANLEY and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, and they were assisted by DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Recorder, and JAN D. HENKE, Auditor. At this same meeting, the VNS honored two 'record holders': one, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, Bourse Coordinator, who 'sold-out' the VNS' 2003 Show bourse in just eleven (11) days! The other was GERALD 'MR. G.' SINGER who broke a record, which has stood since 1986, by selling one hundred fifty-five (155) drawing ticket books for the 2003 Show's All Gold Coin Drawing, a value of \$775.00! 'MR G.' broke the record held by MICHAEL S. TURRINI with one hundred twenty (120) drawing books set back in 1986. Additional 'kudos' from the VNS include DR. HOWARD C. LONSDALE, Past President and Editor, who had two annual scholarships named for him at the local Vallejo Senior High School, and these are no cheap scholarships at two of \$10,000.00 each! Someone who DR. LONSDALE assisted decades ago never forgot his help and when he 'made it big', the young man returned to Vallejo, California and showed his respect to DR. LONSDALE. Also, LEE H. GONG, well-known northern California coin hobbyist, earned the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) second highest award, its Medal of Merit, on August 2, 2003 during the ANA Baltimore, Maryland national Convention. In fact, the VNS can claim five recipients of this Award: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, DR. WATLER A. OSTROMECKI, and the late HELEN L. CARMODY-LEBO, along with VNS Honorary Members: EDWARD C. ROCHETTE, KENNETH E. BRESSETT, and ANTHONY J. SWIATEK. As this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is being prepared, the VNS would have joined with the neighboring Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa, California) Coin Club for their biannual 'Buffet Night'. This year's speaker was GARY COLLIER, with *Metal Detecting: It's Fun!*.

VISALIA COIN CLUB

As in CALCOIN NEWS Summer 2003, VCC Editor RUTH M. PHILLIPS had another complaint about the weather, in the Club's August newsletter: "Well, I said last month that I liked hot weather, and I guess The Man-Upstairs listened to me, because He sure turned-up the thermometer! It is 105 as I am typing this newsletter, and it promises to be this hot for the next week! I guess things could be worse: it could be raining and flooding like it is in Indiana, or it could be blowing up a hurricane like it is in Texas! We mortals are never satisfied!". *Right-On, RUTH!* Going back a few months, DENNIS OLSWANG---who was once quite active in the California State Numismatic Association and its semiannual Conventions---spoke at the VCC's June 24, 2003 meeting on 'Maria Theresa': "a very graphic account of her life...and her influence on politics in her lifetime and the background of the Maria Theresa talers, that we all have or have seen".

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

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- Sept. 6-7, 2003 CARSON CITY, Nev. Carson City Mint Annual Coin Show, Nevada State Museum, 600 North Carson St. (Hwy 395), Carson City, Nevada. Bourse: Kathi Baker (775) 687-4810.
- Sept. 6-7, 2003 SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Coin Club 46th Fall Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, Box 160122, Sacramento, Ca. 95816. (530) 885-9050
- Sept. 14, 2003 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 14th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky at Pennsylvania in downtown Fairfield, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Jan Henke @ 707-427-0482 or Bill Bartz @ 707-435-8751; e mail: EMPERORI@juno.com
- Sept. 28, 2003 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda High School, Boys/Girls Gym, Oak Street, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.
- Oct. 18-19, 2003 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Attendance: Free. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205 Phone: (209) 982-5961, e mail: rubeniii@go.co
- Oct. 25-6, 2003 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 37th Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Temple, 2992 E. Clinton Ave., Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727. (Admission \$1)
- Nov. 9, 2003 San Jose. Peninsula Coin Club 24th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Ph.: (650) 498-4158
- Nov. 16, 2003 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522-0117; e mail: xsteamerx@aol.com or EMPERORI@juno.com

Jan.16-8, 2004 SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show,
San Jose Convention Center, Exhibit Hall 3, 408 Almaden
Blvd., San Jose. Information: (408) 973-1606 or see
web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission \$3.